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Date: 11-8-02

The Honorable Norman Mineta
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
500 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: ¹⁵⁶⁵ Docket Nos. FMCSA-2001-9709 and FMCSA-2000-7382 - 597

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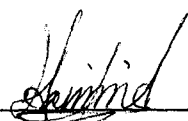
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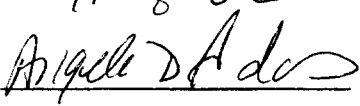
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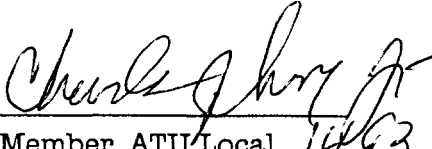
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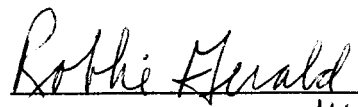
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